

Remarks

Claims 60, 67 and 69 have been amended.

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims 60, 67 and 69 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over the Jebens, et al. U. S. published patent application (U.S. PG Pub 2001/0002204). With respect to applicant's claims, as amended, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's independent claims 60, 67 and 69 have been amended to better define applicant's invention . In particular, amended claim 60 now recites a system for managing orders received from a first shop and orders placed with a second shop in which a communication means communicates data indicating statuses of orders received, and orders placed. Amended claim 60 further recites a display control means for controlling to display simultaneously a first combination of a first group of management items which indicate statuses of order process from order determined to acceptance and each number of the orders received corresponding to the statuses of the first group of management items, the first group of the management items displayed under a first icon which is for discriminating the first group of management items as the orders received, and a second combination of a second group of management items which indicate statuses of order process from order determined to acceptance and each number of the orders placed corresponding to each of the statuses of the second group of management items, the second group of the management items displayed under a second icon which is for discriminating the second group of management items as the orders placed, in a case where the orders received and the orders placed are existence. Finally amended claim 60 additionally recites wherein the display control means displays simultaneously the first icon and the first combination as a pair, and displays simultaneously the

second icon and the second combination as a second pair, in a case where the orders received and the orders placed are existence, and wherein the display control means prohibits the first combination to be displayed except for the first icon, in a case where the orders received is not existence, and wherein the display control means prohibits the second combination to be displayed except for the second icon, in a case where the orders placed is not existence.

Claims 67 and 69 have been similarly amended.

Such constructions are not taught or suggested by the Jebens, et al. reference. More particularly, applicants' claims as so amended are believed to differ from the system of the Jebens, et al reference in the following respects.

(a) Applicants' claimed invention performs a simultaneous display of an orders received status shown by a first group of management items and an orders placed status shown by a second group of management items, in a case where the orders received and the orders placed are in existence. On the other hand, in the Jebens, et al. system, only the status of any recently placed work orders is displayed (paragraph [104]). Thus, the Jebens, et al. reference teaches a configuration to display the status of recently placed work orders only, and there is not teaching or suggestion of a configuration for displaying a combination of the placed work orders and received orders.

(b) Applicants' claimed invention also displays a first pair of a first icon and a first combination group of management items and a second pair of a second icon and a second combination group of management items, in a case where the orders received and the orders placed are in existence. The first and second combinations are displayed without the user's selection in order to display detail information corresponding to the management items. This

configuration makes it possible to understand the presence/absence of the orders received and the orders placed.

On the other hand, in the system of the Jebens, et al. reference, a selection operation by selecting the "Status" icon 818 is required to display a status screen 843, in a case where the recently placed work orders in the Work Order Status 843 exist. Thus, in the system of the Jebens, et al. reference, the "Status" icon 818 and the Work Order Status 843 are not displayed simultaneously as a pair. Thus, the reference fails to teach or suggest displaying a first pair of a first icon and a first combination group of management items and a second pair of a second icon and a second combination group of management items, in a case where the orders received and the orders placed are in existence.

(c) Moreover, in the system of the Jebens, et al. reference, the Work Order Status is displayed as a data list of recent work orders according to the user's selection operation, even in a case where the processing of the placed work orders is completed. That is, in the Jebens, et al. reference displaying of the Work Order Status 843 is not prohibited, even where the placed work order has been completed and is no longer in existence.

In applicants' claimed invention, on the other hand, where all the processing of the management items are completed, the first and second combinations are not displayed, and only icons corresponding to the first and second icons are displayed.

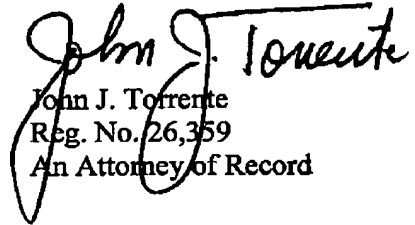
For all the above reasons, it is submitted that applicants' amended independent claims 60, 67 and 69 patentably distinguish over the cited Jebens, et al. reference.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicants' claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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